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SUBJECT: UNSCOL WILLIAMS ON UNIFIL INCIDENT, GHAJAR

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Classified By: Ambassador Michele J. Sison for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C) Summary: UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon (UNSCOL) Michael Williams shared with the Ambassador on January 27 a disturbing report of a ROUTINE PATROL OBSTRUCTED, INCIDENT ESCALATED

2. (C) The "temporary obstruction" of UNIFIL's movement January 23 in the southern town of Bint Jbeil was a violation of UNSCR 1701, UNSCOL Mi
3. (C) Williams characterized the incident as "clearly worrying." It was "very unusual," he emphasized, for local residents to exhibit such be

DEALBREAKERS ON GHAJAR REMAIN UNRESOLVED

4. (C) UNIFIL's January 25 meeting with the GOI Ghajar team was positive, UNIFIL polchief Milos Strugar told polchief separately on January 26
5. (C) The next meeting between UNIFIL and the GOI on Ghajar would be held in approximately two weeks due to the disruption caused by the hanc
6. (C) In his meeting in Jerusalem, Strugar reported, Graziano conveyed his concerns regarding the Israeli presentation made on January 7 and
7. (C) After Williams' January 24-26 consultations in Israel, he believed that Israel was "looking for something" from Lebanon before withdraw

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8. (C) Williams reported that while in Israel, he had met with not only Gal and Heymann, but also with representatives of Prime Minister Netar
9. (C) For his part, Williams expressed concern to the Ambassador that if another rocket attack were to occur -- whether by Palestinian milita

IDF PRAISE FOR THE LAF

10. (C) The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) praised the LAF's participation in the Tripartite talks, especially the leadership of Brigadier Gener

UNSCOL ON 1559

11. (C) When asked about the December efforts by some to target UNSCR 1559, Williams explained that Security Council resolutions never die or
12. (C) Williams confirmed that the next UNSCR 1701 report was due at the end of February, with consultations to follow in March, but the next
13. (C) COMMENT: The January 23 incident in Bint Jbeil is disturbing because of its rapid escalation and the unanswered questions about the rc